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A Message to Our Brothers and Sisters,

One of the best parts of being a Mason is the chance to make a real difference. Whether we're organizing a fundraiser, helping a neighbor, or supporting one of our charities, it's all about lifting others up. Our work in the community — through the Lodge, the Shrine, and Eastern Star — is a reminder that small acts of kindness can have a big impact. Let's keep showing up, doing good, and living the values that brought us here.

Fraternally,
Jake Pschigoda
TMN Editor

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The smell of grills and BBQ are wafting around out in communities. It's time to grab a 10lb bag of Vidalia onions. We ordered (2) 2,000# pallets of the sweet marvels. Within 4 days we have sold half of them. If you'd like some and support a great cause let us know. We are selling 10lb bags for $12/. The 2025 Mini-bike Patrol season has officially began, come out and cheer us on.

Parades:

Galien & Berrien Springs - 7/4/25
Bridgman - 7/12/25
Coloma Glad Peach Festival - 8/2/25
Lawrence Ox Roast - 9/1/25
Paw Paw Harvest Festival - 9/7/25
Niles Apple Festival - 9/21 & 9/28/25

Speaking of parades, our old float is getting a much-needed facelift and hopefully will be making an appearance again this year. We also have a surprise we hope to unveil later in the year. Mark your Calendars for the annual corn and sausage roast on July 29, work is already underway to make this the best one ever. We have purchased a Smith & Wesson Response 9mm Carbine. The rifle raffle ticket sales will begin at the Corn and Sausage roast in July, and the drawing will be held at our regular meeting September 26th. The Potentates Bus Trip to The Shriners Children's in Chicago is Saturday September 27th.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Fraternally
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No update for July

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Hello Brethren

I hope this finds you in good health and in good spirits. Come check us out, we'd love to see you! I hope you all have a great summer and take the opportunity for some much-needed fellowship with friends and family. Don't forget to mark your calendar with all the Masonic related events throughout the summer. Below is a list of upcoming lodge activities. Please join me in wishing a Happy Birthday to all the brothers celebrating birthdays this month!

I am looking forward to seeing you all again soon! Until we meet again…safe travels my brothers.

Fraternally,

Jermaine Thomas, WM

Upcoming Activities:

- July 7 th July Stated Communication
- July 14, 21 & 28 Lodge Dark
- July 13th Coloma Lodge Golf Outing @ Lake Cora
- August 4th August Stated Communication
- August 11,18 & 25 Lodge Dark
- August 16th Lake Shore Lodge Annual Charity Golf Outing @ Blossomtrails Golf Club
- August 21st Northern Berrien County Scottish Rite Club Annual Steak Fry

July Birthday's

Richard D Peterson 7/2
Michael A. Elsner 7/8
Eugene F. Sonnenberg 7/9
Blair B. Schadler 7/15
Henry Schaus 7/25

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Thanks to all the Brothers who performed and helped on our **Fellowcraft Degree**, it was a great success. The **Master Mason Degree** is still to be determined for a date, will keep everyone informed.

We're not Dark this summer so next meeting is July 1st, 630pm Dinner 7pm Gavel.

Hope to see you there, visitors always welcome.

Fraternally Yours,

Ron Price

Worshipful Master

COLOMA LODGE #162 F & AM

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From the East:
It's a fun-packed summer at Coloma Lodge!
We will be conferring the Fellowcraft Degree for at least three Brothers at 6:30 p.m. on June 19. It would be wonderful to see a packed lodge room as these brothers continue their journey within our fraternity.
Everyone is invited to join us for the Coloma Lodge Family Picnic on June 26 at 6:00 p.m. at the pavilion of Eagle Pointe Marina located at 2351 Niles Road in St. Joseph. The main course and water will be provided, and we ask everyone who comes to bring a dish to pass and beverages of their choice. Please plan to bring lawn chairs too! This event is open to all area Masons, their family and friends.
This year we're celebrating the 160-year anniversary of Coloma Lodge. Please come prepared to join us in raising a glass to the history and the future of our lodge.
Please mark your calendars for Sunday, July 13, and register early to get in on the fun and fellowship of a great day of golf at Lake Cora Hills Golf Club in Paw Paw. The cost per player is only $70, making the total for a foursome only $280. There are many sponsorship levels available. The PRO sponsorship at $500 includes a tee box sign and greens fees for a foursome! If your lodge, your business, or your family would like to be a hole sponsor only - or you would like to honor a departed Mason – please consider sponsoring at the EAGLE level for only $100 which includes a beautiful tee box sign.
Our stated meetings are the first Thursday of every month. We hope that you will come and say "hello" and join us for dinner at 6:30 p.m. before each Regular Communication.
Fraternally, Phil Staub, WM

AMERICA CHAPTER # 234 O E S

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Greetings from America chapter #234. The month of May was a busy month starting with our business meeting on the 7th with balloting on 3 new petitions to receive degrees. Shirley Standberry, Phyllis and Michael Parker were elected to be initiated into the order. On May 17th following a luncheon and brief meeting, Sister Debbie Lightner and Brother David O'Connell PGP were installed as President and 1st Vice president, 3rd Vice president Margaret Banks and brother Larry Hoekstra PGP 3rd vice president, several others were installed in respected stations. Refreshments were shared by everyone it was a very nice afternoon and installation.

On May 31st following a reception honoring Our Grand Marshal Sister Regina Hubbard and Sister Rosalie Hines, Grand Representative of Idaho in Michigan and Sister Pamela Bophel Member of Courtesy Committee. Our newly elected sisters and brothers were initiated by our Grand Officers who did the conferring of the degrees. At this month's meeting held June 4, we balloted another petition for Pam Krill, her initiation will be on July 9th. On June 18 we will be having a work-rehearsal night. We are currently finishing a project of wooden stars that brother Matt Mosher our Associate Patron graciously made for us. They are lighted stars stained and finished but we also have a few unfinished that can be painted to the buyer's choice. We are selling these for $25 apiece.

I hope everyone is having a safe and happy summer. In sisterly fellowship Barbara jean Dickert Grand Representative of Ky in Michigan and Worthy Matron America chapter #234.

A special message about the Southwest Gold Coast DeMolay from Brother Matt Moser:

Coloma Lodge is the primary sponsor of **Southwest Gold Coast DeMolay Chapter # 23131** which is struggling to get new members. DeMolay has essentially been absent from SW Michigan for almost 20 years (Niles-Lakeland was the last to "go out of business" around 2006) and from Coloma for almost 50 years. It's tough to get interest after all these years.

On Sunday June 29th, SWGC DeMolay will have a DeMolay Pool Party at Advisor Dad Moser's house, 5329 Defield Rd, Coloma, MI at 3pm. All members, Advisors, their families and friends and ANYONE interested in DeMolay and Squires are welcome to attend. Pizza, ice cream, soft drinks and other snacks will be provided. Since it is a DeMolay function no alcohol is allowed. DeMolay is open to young men 12-21 and Squires for 9-10-11 year olds.

We have a Facebook page "Southwest Gold Coast DeMolay", a FB group "SW Gold Coast DeMolay-Coloma MI" and our domain is Coloma Lodge No. 162 | Grand Lodge of Michigan F. & A. M. | DeMolay Always looking for more Advisors and co-sponsors from the Lodges and other Masonic affiliates.

Brother Matt,
PM and current Chaplain of Coloma Lodge #162
Chairman of SWGC Chapter of DeMolay in Coloma

July 2025

S	M	T	W	Th	F	S
29 DeMolay Pool Party – 3pm 5329 Defield Rd, Coloma	30	1 Stated Communication for St Joseph Lodge 6:30p Dinner 7:00p Gavel	2	3 Coloma Lodge #162 – Stated Communication 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Gavel	4 Shriners parade in Galien and Berrien Springs	5
6	7 Stated Communication Lakeshore Lodge & Three Oaks Lodge 6:30p Dinner, 7:30p Gavel	8	9	10	11	12 Shriners Parage in Bridgman
13 Coloma Lodge Golf Outing @ Lake Cora	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Low 12 Euchre Tournament 1pm	21	22	23	24	25 BC Shrine Club Regular Meeting	26
27	28	29 BC Shrine Club Corn and Brat Roast	30	31	1	2 Shriners Parade in Coloma